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**BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE
COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MARCH AS
“WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH”**

WHEREAS, New Jersey women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our State in countless recorded and unrecorded ways;

WHEREAS, New Jersey women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the State by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home;

WHEREAS, New Jersey women have played a unique role throughout the history of the State by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the State;

WHEREAS, New Jersey women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our State;

WHEREAS, New Jersey women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement;

WHEREAS, New Jersey women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all;

WHEREAS, despite these contributions, the role of women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching and study of American history; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs, specifically the Division on Women’s goals are to remember and celebrate New Jersey women and to:

- ◆ ensure that New Jersey women are offered equal opportunities in education, the workforce and healthcare regardless of age, sexual orientation, income, ethnicity, race or religion.
- ◆ identify, implement, measure and coordinate programs that address the needs of New Jersey women.
- ◆ engage in continuous study and research on issues affecting New Jersey women and their families, develop policy papers and legislative recommendations

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body in the Borough of Merchantville, State of New Jersey, that March 2011 is designated as "Women's History Month" under the National Women History Project's 2011 theme: *Our History is Our Strength*.

Approved:

Attest:

Frank M. North
Mayor

Denise L. Brouse
Borough Clerk

March 14, 2011